India in August, 2006, for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05, and the examination of the points raised therein by the Government of India and State/UT SSA programmes, an amount of about Rs. 53 crores can be classified as expenditure not covered under the SSA guidelines. The States/ UTs have already been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. Government of India is monitoring the use of SSA funds through annual State/UT audits, independent concurrent financial reviews and field monitoring through 41 social science institutions. In cases of diversion of funds the Government of India has directed States to recoup the inadmissible expenditure to the State SSA programmes.

Kasturba Gandhi Vidyalayas in minority and backward areas

1201. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the policy of Government to open Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in minority and backward populated areas for imparting education to girls; and

(b) if so, whether Government are proposing to open Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in Eastern Champaran (Bihar), Dhaka Block, Adapur, Sugauoli and Mehsi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Under the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya scheme, residential schools at upper primary level, for girls belonging predominantly to SC, ST, OBC and minority communities, are set up in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) where the female rural literacy is below the national average and the gender gap in literacy is above the national average.

(b) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas are sanctioned by Government of India for eligible EBBs based on the proposal of the State Government concerned.

Recognition to self financed PTC colleges

1202. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Teachers' Education